



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held March 29, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“As part of the Sheriff’s early release policy, we need a better understanding regarding any allowances for flexibility or discretion with regard to not treating all nonviolent misdemeanor inmates the same in determining how much of their sentence is served. Known gang members that violate court-imposed gang-injunctions is one glaring example of when nonviolent misdemeanants should not be released after only serving 10% of their sentence. Gang-injunctions have proven to be effective tools in fighting gang violence and preventing more serious future gang crimes from being committed. This effectiveness, however, is being diminished under the current formula utilized by the Sheriff to determine inmates qualifying for his early release program. Although this Board allocated the equivalent of \$24 million to the Sheriff in December 2004 to slow the early release of inmates, the funding has not yet had the desired impact in adding beds back into the system fast enough to significantly increase the length of stay for certain nonviolent misdemeanors. While the Sheriff is attempting to add jail beds back into the system as fast as possible, I do not, in the interim time, believe it is appropriate that gang-injunction violators be released after only serving 10% of their sentence.”

Yvonne Michelle Autry addressed the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Sheriff was requested to:

1. Report back to the Board within 30 days, on a case-by-case basis, on the potential of gang-injunction misdemeanants serving more of their court imposed sentences; and

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2. Meet with the City of Long Beach Prosecutor to discuss the potential of alleviating the early release of gang members who are sentenced for violating the City's gang injunctions.

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- Sheriff